



Social Capital

By
Green Rameswaram Trust



1. Teertha Pooja

Our work of involving community in doing Teertha poojas is going on smoothly. SHG members, E-auto drivers and Yoga participants are trying to take the ownership of the programme. In this month, we could carry out Teertha poojas at 22 Traditional water bodies with 220 volunteers participating in the activity.



Teertha pooja at Vali Teertham

The details are given below.

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Name of the Teertha</i>	<i>Date – March 2024</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1.	Panacha	5 th	6	SHG
2.	Veraga	6 th	8	SHG
3.	Hara	9 th	5	SHG
4.	Simha	9 th	6	SHG
5.	Ariyanaatchi	12 th	3	E-Rickshaw
6.	Narena	12 th	2	E-Rickshaw
7.	Mangala	13 th	4	SHG
8.	Ganavapi	14 th	5	SHG
9.	Nakula	18 th	5	SHG
10.	Sahadeva	20 th	5	SHG
11.	Draupadi	21 st	5	SHG
12.	Parasurama	21 st	5	SHG
13.	Agni	24 th	120	Sethu Arthi Team
14.	Amutha	26 th	4	SHG
15.	Deva	26 th	5	SHG
16.	Nakula	26 th	3	E-Rickshaw
17.	Parasurama	26 th	4	E-Rickshaw
18.	Bhima	28 th	6	SHG
19.	Angatha	28 th	4	SHG
20.	Valli	28 th	3	SHG
21.	Ramar	28 th	5	Yoga Team
22.	Arjuna	28 th	7	SHG
	Total		220	

2. Release of Coffee Table Book in State Island Development Committee Meeting

State level Island Development Committee meeting was held on 5th March 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Shivdas Meena, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and Shri. Karthikeyan, Principal Secretary, MAWS, who is the Secretary of SIDC was present along with a few lines department secretaries along with Shri.Vishnu Chandran, District Collector, Ramanathapuram District. Green Rameswaram Trust was represented by Shri.G.Vasudeo, Secretary.

The event commenced with the release of the Coffee Table Book - "Rameswaram: Congregation of Tides and Blessings." by Shri. Shivdas Meena. The book brought out by Green Rameswaram Trust showcased the multi-dimentional facets of Rameswaram apart from Ramanathaswami temple.



From Left to Right: Shri. Vishnu Chandran IAS, Ramanathapuram District Collector, Shri.Karthikeyan, MAWs Secretary, Shri. Shiv Das Meena, Chief Secretary, Shri. Vasudeoji, Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra NARDEP

3. Webinars

Every Tuesday at 6 P.M. Shri.Krishnamoortiji of Vivekananda Kendra gives a talk on virtual media (Google Meet). This month we have 4 Webinars.

Name of the Topic	Date	Link
Periyapuramam Part 12	5 th	http://meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuramam Part 13	12 th	http://meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuramam Part 14	19 th	http://meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuramam Part 15	26 th	http://meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf

4. Eco-tourism

E-Autos reached out to 13647 pilgrims. Out of which, we have provided free services to Senior citizens 78 nos., children 105 nos. and differently-abled 13 nos.

Shri.Hegdeji – A Yoga Guru is no more

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts; we announce the passing away of Shri. Khanderao Hegde, a Vanaprasthi Karyakartha of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari. Shri. Hegdeji breathed his last on March 29, 2024, following a sudden heart attack at the age of 64.

Since the inception of the office of Green Rameswaram project at Mohabeer Dharmasala in 2015, Shri. Hegdeji had been tirelessly managing the maintenance and upkeep of the building. His commitment and dedication in ensuring the smooth functioning of the activities in the building has left an indelible mark on all who knew him.



Shri. Hegdeji was not only a custodian of physical spaces but also a pioneer in promoting holistic health. He generously shared his knowledge and expertise by taking free yoga classes to both men and women in the morning and evening year after year. Through his selfless efforts, more than thousand individuals have had the privilege of learning the art of yoga, experiencing improved health, and finding inner peace.

Shri. Hegdeji's passing has left a profound void in the residents of Rameswaram. His presence was always met with a large gathering, a testament to the respect and admiration he garnered from all walks of life. Even in his final moments, Shri. Hegdeji was surrounded by loved ones, with some 25 individuals sitting by his side throughout the night, honouring his memory and paying their respects.

Shri.Hegdeji was cremated the following day, March 30, 2024, at 11 am in the Electronic Cremation Center in Rameswaram amidst a gathering of hundreds of well-wishers - both men and women. His legacy of compassion, service, and dedication to the well-being of others will continue to inspire us all.

We join everybody in prayers for the departed soul.

